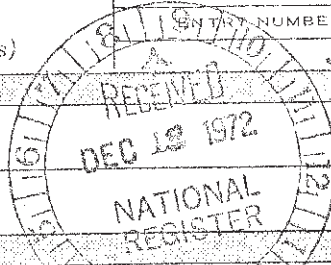


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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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1. NAME			
COMMON: Johnny Appleseed Memorial Park			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: approx. 0.4 mi. So. of Coliseum Blvd. (U.S. 30 By-Pass.) on east side of Parnell Ave., about 3800 block			
CITY OR TOWN: Fort Wayne ( Code 1580 )			
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3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) National Historical Interest.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Allen County-Board of Commissioners of Allen County, Indiana.			
STREET AND NUMBER: 715 South Calhoun Street,			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Fort Wayne ( Code 1580 )	Indiana	18	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Allen County Courthouse Building, Records Office			
STREET AND NUMBER: 715 South Calhoun Street,			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Fort Wayne ( Code 1580 )	Indiana	18	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Proposed War Memorial Site for Allen County, Indiana			
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Allen County Surveyors Office, County Courthouse Building			
STREET AND NUMBER: 715 South Calhoun Street			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Fort Wayne ( Code 1580 )	Indiana	18	

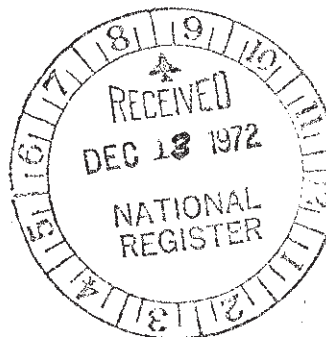
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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div>(Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Prior to the 1930's most of the area in Section 25 ( See Property Plat Map attached ) was practically a wilderness. Within this area to the south lies the Old David Archer cemetery consisting of 2 acres of land, and containing the grave of John Chapman, known as Johnny Appleseed.</p> <p>During the 1930's some of the wilderness was cleared from a portion of the cemetery and a narrow gravel road was installed from there to Parnell Avenue. During this period, a granite memorial, surrounded by an iron fence, was erected on the cemetery indicating the dates of the birth and death of this pioneer.</p> <p>During the 1940's and 1950's, most all of the wilderness and debris was cleared from most of Section 25. The land area comprising 11.34 acres, which included the 2 acre area of the Archer cemetery lying in the approximate center along the old Wabash-Erie canal was then set aside as the Johnny Appleseed Memorial Park Containing the Grave of Johnny Appleseed.</p> <p>In 1952, the construction, near the intersection of Parnell Avenue and U.S.30 By-Pass, of the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum was completed. There were no major changes made on the Appleseed property.</p> <p>In September 1965, the following symbolic items of significance were installed on the Archer cemetery knoll for memorializing Johnny Appleseed:</p> <p>(a)---Cobble stones were placed around the existing granite memorial to remind the visitor of the rough terrain traversed by Johnny Appleseed on his long barefoot journey to Fort Wayne.</p> <p>(b)---A large greensward cross, edged by railroad ties, was laid out at the crest of the cemetery. The crossbeam measures 200 feet, the other member extends 250 feet. The cross symbolizes Johnny's mission to spread the Gospel through the wilderness.</p> <p>(c)---Evergreens were planted in a pattern to form the initials " J.C. " meaning John Chapman.</p> <p>The present physical appearance is very good.</p>	

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## 3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1774-Birth. 1845-Death.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☒ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☒ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☒ Historic☐ Industry☐ Philosophy☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☒ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☒ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature☐ itation☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☒ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

\* The book "Johnny Appleseed, Man And Myth" by Robert Price listed at Item 9 Major Bibliographical References, is the culmination of his research extending over a quarter of a century. The Library Of Congress awarded him a grant-in-aid to finish the book published in 1954.

\* Man And Myth: "No one had dreamed-----the strange appleseed planter would leap into an amazing public popularity to become one of America's half dozen favorite folk heroes." end of quote.

Appleseed continues to be one of the best known folk heroes in the Middle West, in fact, nationally. A spot check during five weeks in 1965 indicated visitors to the Johnny Appleseed Grave area as being from 32 States. A new Johnny Appleseed Commemorative postage stamp, the first in folklore series, was issued in 1966.

## APPLESEED'S CONNECTION WITH FORT WAYNE

With the headwaters of the Atlantic and Gulf drainages being only four feet apart, the Fort Wayne portage was one of the most famous land links in the Old Northwest. John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) started moving in the 1820's toward this focal point at the Fort Wayne summit. When the first spadeful of earth was turned for the Wabash-Erie canal in 1832, Chapman had extended his enterprises to Fort Wayne, Indiana. For the last twenty years of his life, he was to swing back and forth along this divide and Fort Wayne had now become the western end of the long axis about which the remainder of his life was to revolve.

Chapman purchased four parcels of land in Allen County, Ind., near Fort Wayne. On one parcel, in Milan Township, he established one of the most extensive nursery plantings. At the time of his death, fifteen thousand seedlings were growing there. Another nursery, in addition to the four parcels purchased, tradition has placed on the west side of the St. Joseph river about three miles up from Fort Wayne, on land originally owned by David Archer. It also being in a thrifty condition. Near this nursery, was the cabin of Mr. & Mrs. Worth who were Chapman's first acquaintances and were his friends. It was here at this cabin where Appleseed stayed much of the

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time while in this vicinity and where he died in 1845. The Worth cabin with friends, the nursery and Archer cemetery all within a radius of approximately one half mile.

The Fort Wayne Sentinel of March 22, 1845, upon Chapman's death, stated: " The deceased was well known through this region-----". He followed the occupation of a nurseryman and had been a regular visitor here upwards of twenty years." end of quote.

\* Man And Myth: " We buried him respectably," said Richard Worth in 1858, " in David Archer's grave yard, two and a half miles north of Fort Wayne." end of quote.

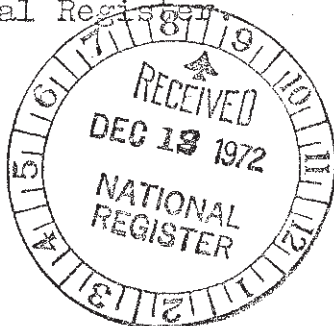
\* Man And Myth: " The Archer family burial lot was located on a sandy knoll a few rods west of the river a short distance south of the general locations attributed to the Chapman nursery and Worth's cabin-----." end of quote.

Chapman was buried here because of his final illness and death at the Worth cabin amongst his friends and because of his long association with others in this area.

\* Man And Myth: " Johnny Appleseed Memorial Park, together with the Johnny Appleseed Memorial Bridge over the St. Joseph, close by, was dedicated May 21, 1949, and now constitutes the most extensive memorial to John Chapman-----." end of quote.

There is no other site in the State so closely associated with John Chapman's productive life as it is here in Fort Wayne.

The two acre sandy knoll lying within the 11.34 acre Johnny Appleseed Memorial Park is the apex of the park. It has been considered the ideal area and focal point for many years for memorializing Johnny Appleseed and his good deeds. The placement of a few items of significance now on the knoll, regardless of the place in the nation of his activity during his life until death, has already served as visual education for visitors to the site. Their comments have been most complimentary. It is for this purpose and reason, this site is being nominated for entry into the National Register.



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2. LOCATION: See Form 10-301 Property Map Form  
Tract is located in the central region of the  
W- $\frac{1}{2}$  of the E- $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 25, T.31N, R.12E.

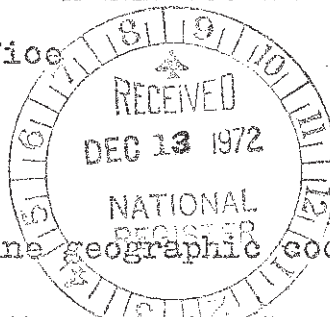
6. TITLE OF SURVEY: " PLAT OF JOHNNY APPLESEED PARK."

DATE OF SURVEY: 1953

ALLEN COUNTY

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Allen County Surveyors Office  
Courthouse Building  
715 South Calhoun Street,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Procedure used to determine geographic coordinates  
of inscribing rectangle:

(a)-Construction of inscribing rectangle on 1953  
plat map ( 1"= 50 feet.) West property line  
bordered by East side of Parnell Avenue used as one  
side of rectangle.

(b)-Rectangle transferred to USGS 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  minute quad-  
rangle maps-----Fort Wayne East & Fort Wayne West.  
Scale: 1"=2000 feet or ( 1:24,000 )

(c)-Coordinates of corners of rectangle obtained by  
determining distance from corners to latitude or  
longitude reference lines, converting to seconds of  
longitude or latitude, and computing coordinate  
values.

NOTE: Source of data indicated at Nos. 2,6 and 10 above  
supplied by: Allen County, Indiana Surveyors Office-  
July 16, 1970.

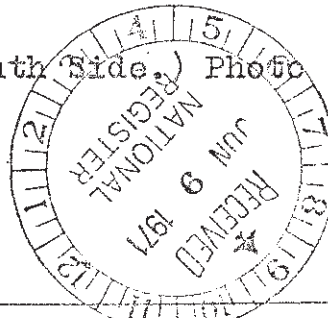
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1. Plat map of Section 25, Washington Township.  
With Form 10-301 Property Map Form.

2. Two 8 X 10 Glossy Photographs, each with Form  
10-301 Property Photograph Form.

(a) Aerial view of park ( North Side.) Photo  
Reference # 1

(b) Aerial view of park ( South Side.) Photo  
Reference # 2.



# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

" Johnny Appleseed, Man And Myth." Authored by Robert Price ( Bloomington, Indiana University Press,1954.)

"Johnny Appleseed Source Book." By; Robert C.Harris ( Public Library Board For Allen County, Indiana.

" John Chapman,By Occupation A Gatherer And Planter Of Appleseed." By;H.Kenneth Dirlam. Available through Johnny Appleseed Nat'l Memorial Foundation,Inc. 1122 Lynn Avenue,Fort Wayne,Indiana 46805

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	41°	06'	48"	85°	07'	32"	SINGLE UTM, CENTERED ON. GRAVE = 16 557600 4552640	
NE	41°	06'	48"	85°	07'	17"		
SE	41°	06'	48"	85°	07'	17"		
SW	41°	06'	48"	85°	07'	32"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John L. Blocher, Secretary		DATE
ORGANIZATION: Johnny Appleseed National Memorial Foundation, Inc		May 14, 1971
STREET AND NUMBER: 1122 Lynn Avenue,		
CITY OR TOWN: Fort Wayne, ( Code 1580	STATE Indiana	CODE 18

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☒

Name: S. Donald Dwyer

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 12-6-72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/17/73

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1-15-73

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